



**REMARKS**

Claims 1-99 were originally filed in the present application. In the Restriction Requirement mailed September 26, 2003 the Examiner restricted claims 1-99 into two groups. In the Response dated October 26, 2003, the Applicants elected, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-37 and 54-93). Applicants also canceled claims 38-53 and 94-99 in order to further their business interests and the prosecution of the present application, yet without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments, and while preserving the right to prosecute the canceled (or similar) claims in the future.

In the Restriction Requirement mailed January 14, 2004, the Examiner further restricts the Claims into the following two groups:

I. Claims 1-37 drawn to an apparatus for sorting coins and notes, classified in class 209, subclass 534.

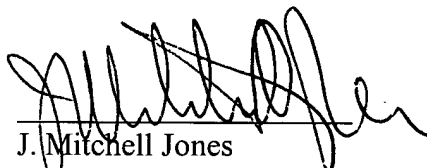
II. Claims 54-93, drawn to an apparatus for sorting coins, classified in class 453, subclass 19.

(Restriction Requirement, page 2).

The Applicants herein elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. Applicants also herein cancel claims 54-93 in order to further their business interests and the prosecution of the present application, yet without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments, and while preserving the right to prosecute the canceled (or similar) claims in the future.

As such, Claims 1-34 are pending and under examination following entry of Applicants' response to the outstanding Restriction requirement.

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